re-inspect their buildings and designs from Seismic Resistance point of view as per the Codes of date and to report the Action Taken Report within a period of one month from the receipt of the letter.

Fiscal and Legal reforms to promote housing activities

2525. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering further fiscal commitments and legal reforms to promote housing activity in the country;

(b) if so, whether States have been asked to send reports in this regard; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Sir, Fiscal concessions are an ongoing process and the Government consider proposals received from various organisations representing the urban sector and recommend the same to Ministry of Finance at the time of formulation of budget.

(b) Yes, Sir. States have been also asked to take action to encourage housing through fiscal and legal reforms.

(c) The broad features include housing friendly rent control and building laws and favourable stamp and other duties.

High Court direction regarding appointment of LDCs in DDA

2526. SHRI GANDHI AZAD:
SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/DDA have been directed by the Delhi High Court on 7th August, 2000 in CW 1627/99 to hold

examination for appointment of LDC in DDA keeping one seat each vacant for each of the petitioners; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. DDA has reported that there are 25 petitioners in the said case and accordingly 25 posts have been reserved for these petitioners. As per directions of the Hon'ble Court, applications from Departmental Class IV employees were invited for fillings up the posts of LDC through department test. Training is being imparted to these applicants for appearing in the test for which the date is yet to be decided.

Scheme to give employment to at least one person in the family

2527. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a scheme to give employment to at least one person in the family to alleviate poverty in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any such proposal for Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (e) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.